

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C32  
Serial No.: 09/997,683 Group Art Unit: 1647  
Filing Date: November 15, 2001 Examiner: Wegert, Sandra L.  
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND  
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**MS: AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 17, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the three month shortened statutory period. Attached herewith are articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, and (iv) Hanna and Mornin, a Declaration by Paul Polakis, Ph.D. and a Declaration by Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

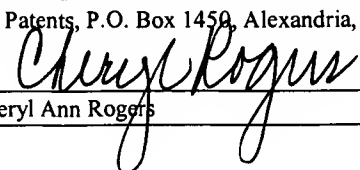
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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